(b) whether it is a fact that the Government have negotiated for the sale of the idle generators purchased 20 years ago now kept at Pykara Power-house at Glenmorgan with the Union Government to replace their old generators at Katteri Power-house which belong to them; and

(c) if so, the result of the negotiations?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir. But the supply is being given only on a standby or temporary basis as the factory gets its supply from its own generating station at Katteri in the Nilgiri district.

" (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (c) As there is a proposal to give firm supply of power from the Pykara Electricity system to the factory and as the water position at Aruvankadu is so serious as not to permit the successful operation of the Glenmorgan power plant, the Government of India have expressed their inability to purchase the same."

* 1838 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" As the dispute has been settled, I am not putting the question."

* 1789 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I am not putting the question."

Bifurcation of Kulittalai taluk

* 1791 Q.—SRI ANTONY PETER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state— 9 a.m.

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to bifurcate Kulittalai taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, and to make Manaparai the headquarters of a new taluk;

(b) whether the Government have received any such suggestion from the District Authorities; and

(c) if so, the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) to (c) The District Revenue Administration Enquiry Committee has gone into the whole question thoroughly. The Committee has made its recommendations and they are under the consideration of the Government."

Industrial dispute in Thanga Vilas Rubber Estate, Kuruvambalam

* 1792 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that since 6th March 1955, a lockout has been declared by the Thanga Vilas Rubber Estate, Kuruvambalam, Walluvanad taluk, Malabar;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) how many workers are affected by the lockout?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) It is reported that the management closed their factory from 28th February 1955.

" (*b*) It is reported that the trees were not yielding.

" (*c*) About 25."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether before declaring the lockout the management gave notice to the workers according to the Act? If not, what measures Government are going to take? May I also know what conciliation proceedings the Government have taken in this matter?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Labour Officer has been taking the necessary steps to get to the 25 workers whatever is due to them."

Extent of assessed waste lands

* 1793 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the extent of assessed waste land in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" 227,099·68 acres."

Dramas to popularize Five-Year Plan

* 1794 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount has been allotted by the Centre for the performance of dramas to popularize the Five-Year Plan in the State;

(*b*) if so, the number of dramas to be enacted;

(*c*) the places where the dramas are to be enacted; and

(*d*) the amount to be spent for this purpose in 1955–56?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No specific allotment has been made to this State by the Centre for the performance of dramas to popularize the Five-Year Plan in this State—

The Centre has, however, got a scheme for utilizing the services of experienced and popular artistes, paying them an all inclusive honoraria, for the enactment of approved plays in rural areas.

" (*b*) *to* (*d*) Do not arise."